**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO HONOR AND CELEBRATE THE LIFE OF MR. JAMES “BUSTER” FORD, SR., AND TO OFFER SINCERE CONDOLENCES TO HIS LARGE AND LOVING FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives determine it to be fitting and proper to pause in their deliberations to express their earnest sympathies to the family and friends of Mr. James “Buster” Ford, Sr., who left this world for eternal rest on March 29, 2018; and

Whereas, James “Buster” Ford, Sr., son of the late Mr. Delgar and Naomi Carey Ford, was born on December 19, 1930, in Sumter County. Affectionately known as “Buster”, he received his education in the Sumter County public school system; and

Whereas, on June 21, 1957, he was joined in holy matrimony by the love of his life Shirul Pearson. Their blessed marriage was marked with the life of five precious children; and

Whereas, Buster provided for his family with the work he did for Carolina Furniture, where he worked for fifty years; and

Whereas, he joined Jehovah Baptist Church in 1949. He was a member there for forty‑nine years. Always willing and ready to help someone in need, Mr. Ford brought joy to all he knew. His passing leaves behind many to treasure his memory; and

Whereas, those remaining to carry on his legacy are his devoted wife of over sixty years; his five children, Gwendolyn (Johnny) Washington; Brenda (Perry) Tiller; Ricky (Tina) Ford; James Ford, Jr.; and Robert Earl Ford, all of Sumter; thirteen grandchildren; twenty‑four great‑grandchildren; a sister‑in‑law Mary R. Pearson of Maryland; a brother‑in‑law Ervin (Patricia) Pearson of Atlanta, Georgia; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, and close friends; and

Whereas, the members of the House of Representatives are grateful for the life and legacy of Buster Ford and wish his family and friends many happy years of cherishing their memories of him. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, honor and celebrate the life of Mr. James “Buster” Ford, Sr., and offer sincere condolences to his large and loving family and many friends.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the family of James “Buster” Ford, Sr.

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